A PROCLAMATION
by the
GOVERNOR OF SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, advances in medical technology have extended man's capacities, freeing him from many of the limitations caused by disability. The modern miracles wrought by medical science are permitting physically and mentally handicapped persons to devote more of their energy to pursuits which mark their humanity.

WHEREAS, from the very beginning, man's pursuit of the means of earning a living has occupied a significant portion of his available time; his dependence on work has not been diminished by technological progress. Work continues to be indispensable to his security, well-being, and growth. This is no less true for those of our people who--although disabled--seek an outlet for expression and self-respect through suitable employment.

WHEREAS, our society has blossomed because it offers to all the hope of achieving the fullness of life. We cannot afford to isolate the handicapped from this high purpose, or stifle the fulfillment of their legitimate desires. If our Nation is to continue to prosper, we must utilize the abilities of every citizen without distinction. Let us not ignore, in our search for skilled and able workers, the demonstrated abilities of the handicapped, however, severe their disabilities. Let us not throw up thoughtless barriers which prevent them from contributing their share to society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NILS A. BOE, Governor of South Dakota, do hereby call upon the people of South Dakota to observe the week beginning October 2, 1966, as the 22nd annual observance of

NATIONAL EMPLOY THE HANDICAPPED WEEK

and to cooperate with the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped in calling public attention to the need for Statewide support of programs designed to increase opportunities in employment for these handicapped men and women.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 21 day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-six.

N. A. Boe
NILS A. BOE, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alma Larson
SECRETARY OF STATE

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